(c) Rs. 7,350.

(d) The work will be included in the next year's budget if funds permit.

Mr. George Parakkal *(Narakkal.)*—Considering the importance of the scheme, will the Government be pleased to delete from the answer to subdivision (d) the words "if funds permit", and take up the work immediately?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—It is not possible.

Scarcity of water supply—Vellarapilly.

115. Mr. George Parakkal *(Narakkal).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have received complaints from the villagers of Vellarapilly regarding the scarcity of water supplied through the lift irrigation system;

(b) whether the Government has done anything to rectify this grievance?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—(a) Yes.

(b) Improvements required for the Lift Irrigation are engaging the attention of the Government.

Mr. George Parakkal *(Narakkal).*—Will the Government be pleased to expedite the improvements required for the lift irrigation so that water may be available for the next summer crop?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—Government will consider the matter.

Travellers' Bungalow, Ernakulam—expenditure incurred.

116. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Will the Government be pleased to state the amount so far spent by them for purchasing, repairing and equipping the new Travellers' Bungalow at Ernakulam?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—The cost of purchasing the building came to Rs. 27,500. Repairs and electrification estimated to cost Rs. 3,800 are being carried out.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam)*.—What was the necessity for changing the Travellers' Banglow from the original travellers' bangalow to this new travellers' bangalow?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer.)*—The first reason was that in connection with the works for the guest house, it is proposed to utilise the old Travellers' Bangalow for certain other institutions which will have to be vacated when the new Guest House is constructed. It is felt that a better equipped Travellers' Banglow is needed for the premier town of Ernakulam.

Town Improvement Trust—Ernakulam.

117. Mr. P. C. Varkey *(Ernakulam Town-North)*.—Will the Government be pleased to state if they propose to constitute a Town Improvement Trust for Ernakulam?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government)*.—Government are considering some schemes for the improvement of Ernakulam. At present there is no idea of constituting a Town Improvement Trust.

The Cochin Municipal Conference—decisions regarding recruitment and jurisdiction.

118. Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila)*.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) (i) whether the proceedings of the recent Municipal Conference have been submitted to them;

(ii) if so, will they be pleased to place them on the table;

(b) were orders passed by the Government on the decisions of the conference in

(i) the jurisdiction of the Staff Selection Board on recruitment of Municipal servants;

(ii) on the suggestion that the Municipalities should look to the sanitary needs of places outside municipal areas from which license fees are collected by the Municipalities?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government)*.—

(a) (i) No.

(ii) Does not arise in view of answer to (i).

(b) Does not arise in view of answer to (a) (i) above.

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